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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice - CC Docket No. 99-273

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 22, 2005, Lois Pines with InfoNXX and the undersigned met with Michele Carey, legal advisor to Chairman Martin, to discuss retail directory assistance (DA) competition, and to report on recent developments in Italy and France, which are opening the retail DA market to competition next month. We also reviewed the competitive market in the U.K., where InfoNXX recently was found to have the highest accuracy rate of any provider. Finally, we urged the Commission to take prompt action to implement retail DA in the United States.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Gerard J. Waldron

Counsel to InfoNXX, Inc.

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cc: Ms. Michele Carey